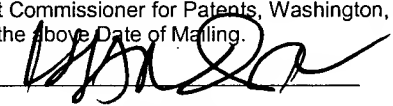
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MANUFACTURING DEVICE

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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, that the art listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of the art is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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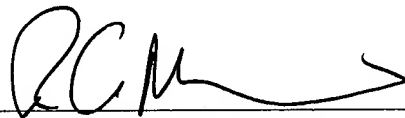
Should the Examiner have any questions or desire clarification of any sort, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below. Please reference Attorney Docket No. 12522.0012.

Respectfully submitted,

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